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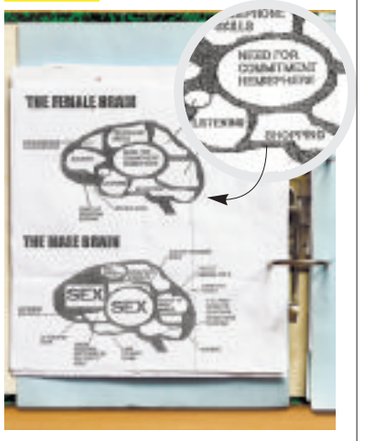

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Elderly bird-watching woman raped in Central Park

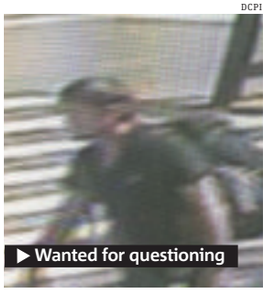
A 73-year-old woman was attacked and raped in broad daylight near the popular Strawberry Fields area of Central Park.

According to the NYPD, the woman was attacked at 11:50 a.m. yesterday near 74th Street and Central Park West. Her attacker is described as a white man between 40 and 50 years old. Police released a photo of a man seen on surveillance video wanted for questioning in the crime.

Eric Ozawa, 34, told DNAinfo he called police after he found the woman with a black eye and swollen face.

"She said she'd been raped, so I took out my phone and called 911," he said. "Obviously, something terrible had happened to her."

Ozawa said the woman also told him she had been bird-watching and her attacker stole her camera, backpack and wallet.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▶ Wanted for questioning

The woman was transported to the hospital, where police said she was in stable condition Wednesday night. Police are still looking for the suspect.

This incident comes just over a week after a young woman was raped in a playground on the Upper West Side. Police said the 19-year-old woman was attacked just after 2 a.m. on Sept. 3 in Riverside Park, between W. 96th and 97th streets.

As Metro reported earlier this month, this summer saw a spike in violent crime within the city's parks. There have been about 23 shootings or stabbings in parks, compared to about 14 of those types of crimes last summer.

CASSANDRA GARRISON

In the news

Police search for Harlem car arsonist

Cops are looking for a man they say walked around an uptown neighborhood, lighting about a dozen cars on fire along the way. Police said at least 11 vehicles were found torched in different spots around Harlem early Tuesday morning. The vehicles were burned from 1:45 a.m. to 6:35 a.m., according to the police, and the locations were around West 140th to 150th streets.

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In the news

Barclays countdown

The Barclays Center in Brooklyn opens in 16 days! Every day until its Sept. 28 opening night Metro will offer a tidbit of information about the highly anticipated center. Did you know? A little bit of the London Olympics will be coming to our own backyard. Get your tickets now for Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics, coming to Barclays this fall. METRO

Final stop for MTA fare card discounts?

▶ 'Do we really need to give that level of discount?' MTA Chairman mulls out loud yesterday ▶ Seven percent discount on $10 MetroCard purchases could go ▶ May be part of planned fare hike scheduled for March of 2013

▶ The MTA board will vote in December on how much they want to raise fares by for March of 2013.

You'd better enjoy that 7 percent MetroCard discount while it lasts, because it may not be sticking around forever.

The head of the MTA, Chairman Joe Lhota, hinted yesterday that the transit authority may reduce some of the discounts on cards.

Right now, riders get a 7 percent discount when they put $10 on a pay-ride MetroCard.

"Do we really need to give that level of a discount?" Lhota asked yesterday at a Crain's breakfast forum, according to the New York Post.

Quoted

"Do we really need to give that level of discount? We need to look at those discounts and have a public debate."
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"We need to look at those discounts and have a public debate," he said.

As part of a planned MTA fare hike, subway and bus fares are scheduled to increase this March to bring in an extra $450 million into the MTA's coffers. Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North fares are also scheduled to increase, as are some bridge and tunnel tolls.

The MTA has not yet decided how much fares will rise by, but they will release a list of fare hike options in October, according to reports. As the MTA did for the 2009 fare hike, they will also hold a series of public hearings in mid-November. The MTA board will vote on the fare hike in December.

The last fare hike brought the monthly MetroCard to a whopping $104, and the weekly became $29. Currently, when riders put less than $10 on a MetroCard, the base fare is $2.25. But with the 7 percent discount the cost per ride is $2.10, according to the Straphangers Campaign, a riders advocacy group.

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In the news

Board of Health faces vote on soda size today

LONG ISLAND CITY. The Board of Health will vote today on a proposal to limit sugary drink portions. Mayor Michael Bloomberg supports the proposed soda ban, and the Board of Health is expected to support the ban, as well. But critics have said the mayor is trying to restrict New Yorkers' choices. New Yorkers for Beverage Choices, a group against the ban, said yesterday that 250,000 New Yorkers have joined their petition against it, including 50,000 in the past two weeks alone. The hearing, which is open to the public, will be on the third floor of the Gotham Center at 10 a.m.

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Woman arrested after slashing frenzy at station

QUEENS. A woman was arrested after authorities said she stabbed two people yesterday morning following a dispute that started on the J train. Dina Saint-Fleur, 25, wielded a knife, stabbing another woman in her left elbow when the two got into a fight on an escalator at the station. METRO/CG

Cutting discount is same as fare hike, some say

The Straphangers Campaign said they have some serious concerns about the proposal. The seven percent discount on $10 purchases is more accessible to low-income riders, the group pointed out.

After all, not everyone can put up $104 up front for a 30-day unlimited MetroCard, or the $29 for a seven-day unlimited MetroCard.

"Eliminating the discount is no different than a fare hike," said Gene Russianoff, staff attorney for the Straphangers Campaign.

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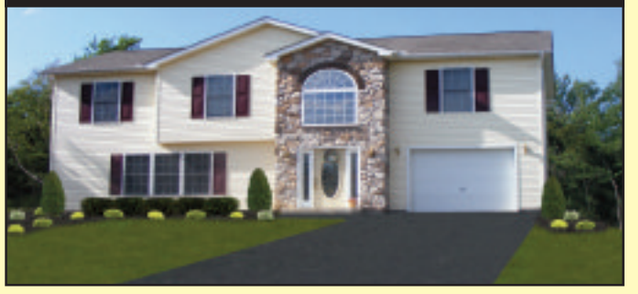

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Just what passes for sex ed?

NYCLU surveys the sex-education curricula of 82 New York State school districts Some teachers pass out materials with outdated or inaccurate information Other worksheets mock gender stereotypes

The materials taught in the sex education classes of some New York schools look more like they belong in rap lyrics or on the pages of Maxim magazine than in a school curriculum.

The New York Civil Liberties Union released an analysis yesterday of sex-education materials taught at schools throughout the state.

And some of the teaching material is hardly scientific.

One handout given to students identifies "Woman" as a "Hazardous Material" discovered by Adam and "found in various grades ranging from virgin material to common ore." That worksheet was given out in the Yorkshire Pioneer school district in northern New York, just south of Buffalo.

The study examined sex-ed materials used in 82 school districts across the state in the past two years.

The New York City school district was excluded from the study due to a citywide sex-education mandate adopted in January of this year.

But the NYCLU said they want to review New York City's sex-ed materials in the future.

And questionable content was not NYCLU's only concern. Some of the material was nearly 20 years out of date: Most, if not all, of the Yorkshire sex education materials referenced studies done in 1994.

When called by Metro yesterday, the athletic director at the Yorkshire Pioneer school district did not comment.

Closer to home, NYCLU reports materials used in the Sewanhaka school district, on Long Island, said that being gay is "a preference."

A spokeswoman for NYCLU said these types of lessons are harmful to LGBTQ youth.

Instead, the NYCLU advocates a curriculum that deconstructs gender stereotypes and teaches about sexual orientation and gender identity to promote acceptance and prevent bullying.

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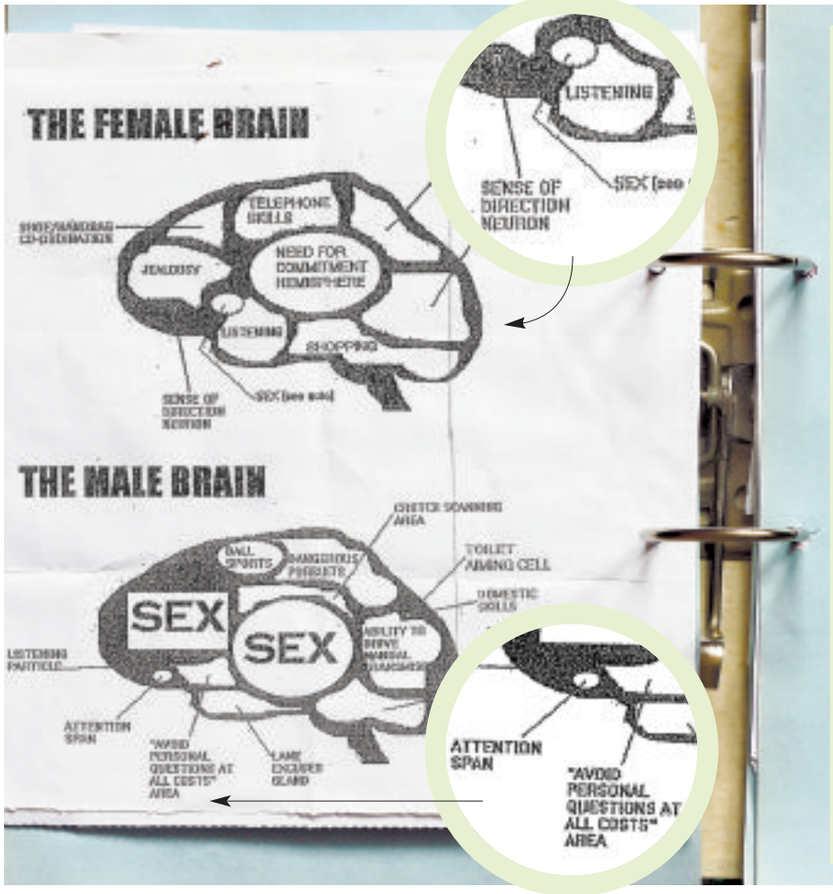


'Male' brains vs. 'female' brains taught

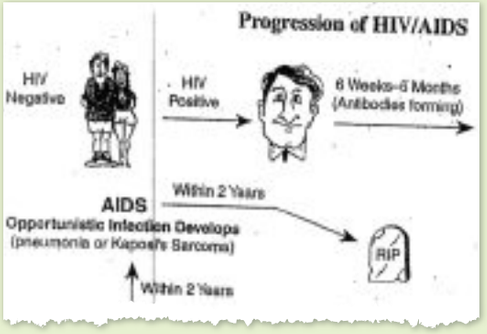
Another set of handouts highlighted in the study were two pages describing "The Male Brain" and "The Female Brain." The former has large sections labeled "SEX," as well as a section for "Ball Sports" and a "Crotch Scanning Area", while the latter has a large "Need for Commitment Hemisphere" and sections for "Shoe/Handbag Co-ordination" and "Shopping."

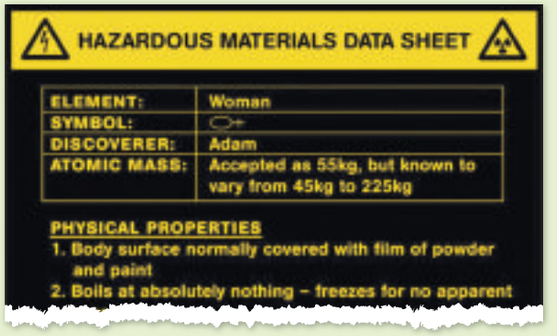
These came from the Owego school district, a town west of Binghampton on the New York-Pennsylvania border. When called by Metro, Principal Heath Georgia of Owego Free Academy said that the sheets were tongue-in-cheek and were meant to open a discussion about sex-based stereotypes.

Georgia said that the NYCLU never called to verify the intent of the handouts, and that they were taken completely out of context.

"It's really egregious to put it in there out of all of the hundreds of documents we gave them," he said.

The birds and the bees?

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Airport workers charged in $750K liquor theft ring

These airline workers allegedly helped themselves to the beverage cart — and then some.

In a massive investigation dubbed "Operation Last Call," 18 workers at John F. Kennedy Airport were arrested yesterday for their roles in a theft ring that netted $750,000 worth of mini liquor bottles, the Queens district attorney said.

It's the largest theft bust at the airport in more than ten years, according to the Queens DA.

FJC Security Services Inc., a security company that monitors the perimeter and checkpoints at JFK, told Metro it learned in 2011 that a security guard it employed was committing serious violations.

Instead of firing the guard, authorities asked her to wear a wire. She became a secret informant in an investigation that led to the discovery of a large-scale thieving operation. A ring of 18 people who worked at the airport, including security guards and truck drivers, stole more than 100,000 mini bottles of liquor and duty-free alcohol, perfume and cartons of cigarettes from planes and storage facilities at the airport.

Among the 18 people busted in the ring were three security guards and fifteen present and former truck drivers employed by Sky Chef, the food and beverage subsidiary for American Airlines.

Investigators said Sky Chef employees would remove unsold mini bottles of booze off planes' beverage carts. They would then bribe security guards with liquor to allow them to pass checkpoints with the loot.

According to officials, the defendants would then sell the mini bottles of liquor for between $0.55 and $1.25 to people outside the airport.

The 18 defendants are facing charges including receiving bribes, receiving a reward for official misconduct, grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen property.

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QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

▶ A ring of 18 workers stole more than 100,000 mini bottles of liquor off planes at JFK airport, officials charge.

Case raises fears over airport's security system

Queens District Attorney Richard Brown, joined by Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Inspector General Robert E. Van Etten at a press conference yesterday, stressed that the theft ring alluded to a serious security concern at the airport.

"Perhaps more troubling is that airport security personnel entrusted with guarding against theft and maintaining security at the airport were allegedly involved in the scheme," Brown said.

"If a terrorist wanted to breach airport security, the alleged actions of these defendants gave them a back-door opportunity to do so."

In the news

Cops search for Fashion's Night Out suspects

Police announced yesterday they are looking for two men they said helped start a riot during Fashion's Night Out. Police said yesterday that they want the public's help to find two people. Police say that around 11 p.m. on Sept. 6, near Broadway and Bleecker in the heart of Fashion's Night Out activities in SoHo, one man placed his bike in front of an Audi, blocking it, while another got onto the car and broke its windows.

▶ This Fashion's Night Out suspect is wanted.

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Video shows the man sitting on his bike in front of the car, yelling, while a large group can be seen behind him. The other suspect sits on the back of the car. The two suspects are wanted on charges of criminal mischief and inciting a riot.

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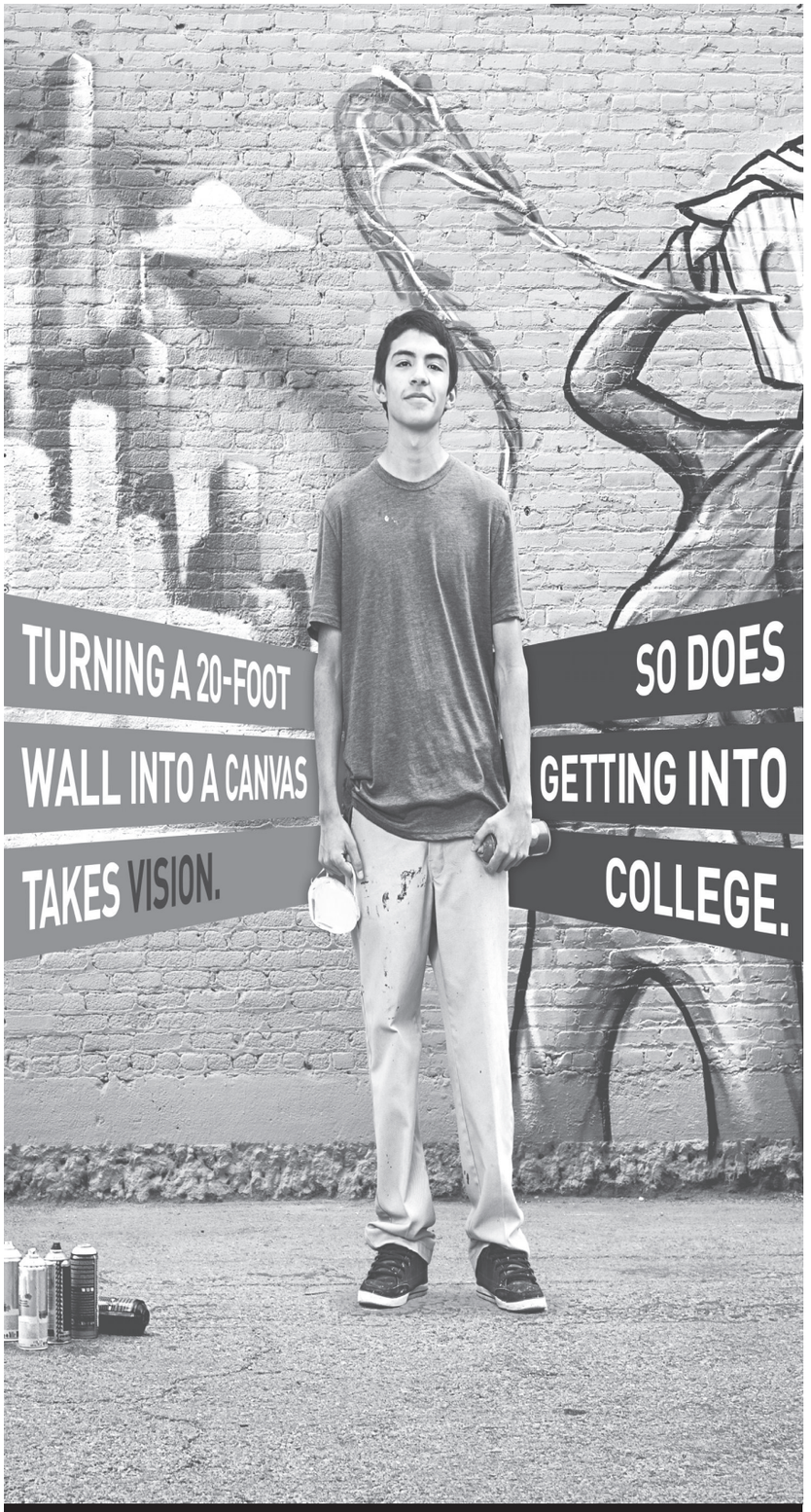

US ambassador to Libya killed in attack

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▶ A vehicle and the surrounding area are engulfed in flames after it was set on fire inside the U.S. consulate compound in Benghazi late Tuesday.

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▶ Ambassador Stevens

The U.S. ambassador to Libya and three embassy staff were killed in an attack on the Benghazi consulate and a safe house refuge, stormed by Islamist gunmen blaming America for a film they said insulted the Prophet Mohammad.

Gunmen attacked and set fire to the U.S. consulate in the eastern city of Benghazi, the cradle of last year's U.S.-backed uprising against Muammar Gaddafi's 42-year rule. Another assault was mounted on the U.S. embassy in Cairo.

President Barack Obama branded it an "outrageous attack" and ordered increased security at U.S. diplomatic posts worldwide.

Violence also threatened to spread to other Muslim countries. By nightfall yesterday, 24 hours after the attacks in Egypt and Libya, police were firing teargas at angry demonstrators outside the U.S. embassy in Tunisia.

The attacks could alter U.S. attitudes towards the wave of revolutions across the Arab world, which toppled secularist authoritarian leaders in Egypt, Libya and Tunisia, bringing Islamists to power.

The violence could influence a close-fought U.S. presidential election, in which Obama's challenger Mitt Romney has accused him of not defending U.S. interests robustly enough.

Romney issued a statement criticizing Obama's initial response; the president's campaign responded by accusing him of scoring political points at a time of national tragedy.

It was not immediately clear precisely how or where California-born ambassador Christopher Stevens was killed during the assault. Stevens was a key player when the Obama administration supported the anti-Gaddafi insurgency. **REUTERS**

Unprepared for intense attack

"The Libyan security forces came under heavy fire and we were not prepared for the intensity of the attack," said Abdel-Monem Al-Hurr, spokesman for Libya's Supreme Security Committee.

U.S. ambassadors in such volatile countries as Libya are accompanied by tight security, usually traveling in well-protected convoys. Diplomatic missions are normally protected by Marines or other special forces.

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▶ An armed man

Libya's interim government has struggled to impose its authority on a myriad of armed groups that refused to lay down their weapons and often take the law into their own hands.

Security experts say the area around Benghazi is host to a number of Islamist militant groups who oppose any Western presence in Muslim countries. **REUTERS**

Stevens bio

- Stevens, 52, had been ambassador to Libya since May.
- An Arabic and French speaker, he served as deputy chief of mission in Tripoli between 2007 and 2009, in the waning years of Muammar Gaddafi's mercurial and brutal rule.
- Stevens grew up in California, graduated from Berkeley and worked in North Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer.
- Stevens taught English in Morocco before joining the foreign service, where he worked in the Middle East and North Africa.
- Tributes poured in to honor Stevens.

Apple takes wraps off iPhone 5

Apple Inc. took the wraps off its fastest, thinnest iPhone yesterday, packing a much larger screen and 4G capability on the fifth version of the smartphone that helped it become the world's most valuable corporation.

The iPhone 5 will go on sale Friday from $199, sporting a 4-inch "retina" display, ability to surf a high-speed 4G LTE wireless network and a weight that's is 20 percent lighter than the previous iPhone 4S.

CEO Tim Cook, who took over from the company's late co-founder Steve Jobs last year, faces pressure to keep Apple at the forefront of the industry.

The latest iPhone comes as Apple tries to fend off competition that has reached feverpitch. Google Inc.'s Android has become the most-used mobile operating system in the world, while key supplier and rival Samsung Electronics has taken the lead in smartphone sales.

$199

The iPhone 5 will go on sale tomorrow from $199.

Rivals have been first to market with phones that have bigger displays or run on faster wireless networks. Apple closed that gap with the unveiling of the newest iPhone.

Now, Microsoft Corp is pushing its Windows Phone 8 operating system as a third alternative to Apple and Google's.

The iPhone 5 will hitch a ride on the three largest U.S. carriers — Verizon Wireless, AT&T Inc. and Sprint, marketing chief Phil Schiller told a packed auditorium at the Yerba Buena Center in San Francisco.

One enhancement was improved battery endurance — the iPhone 5's power core can support eight hours of 4G Web browsing. **REUTERS**

JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks during an Apple special event at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts yesterday.

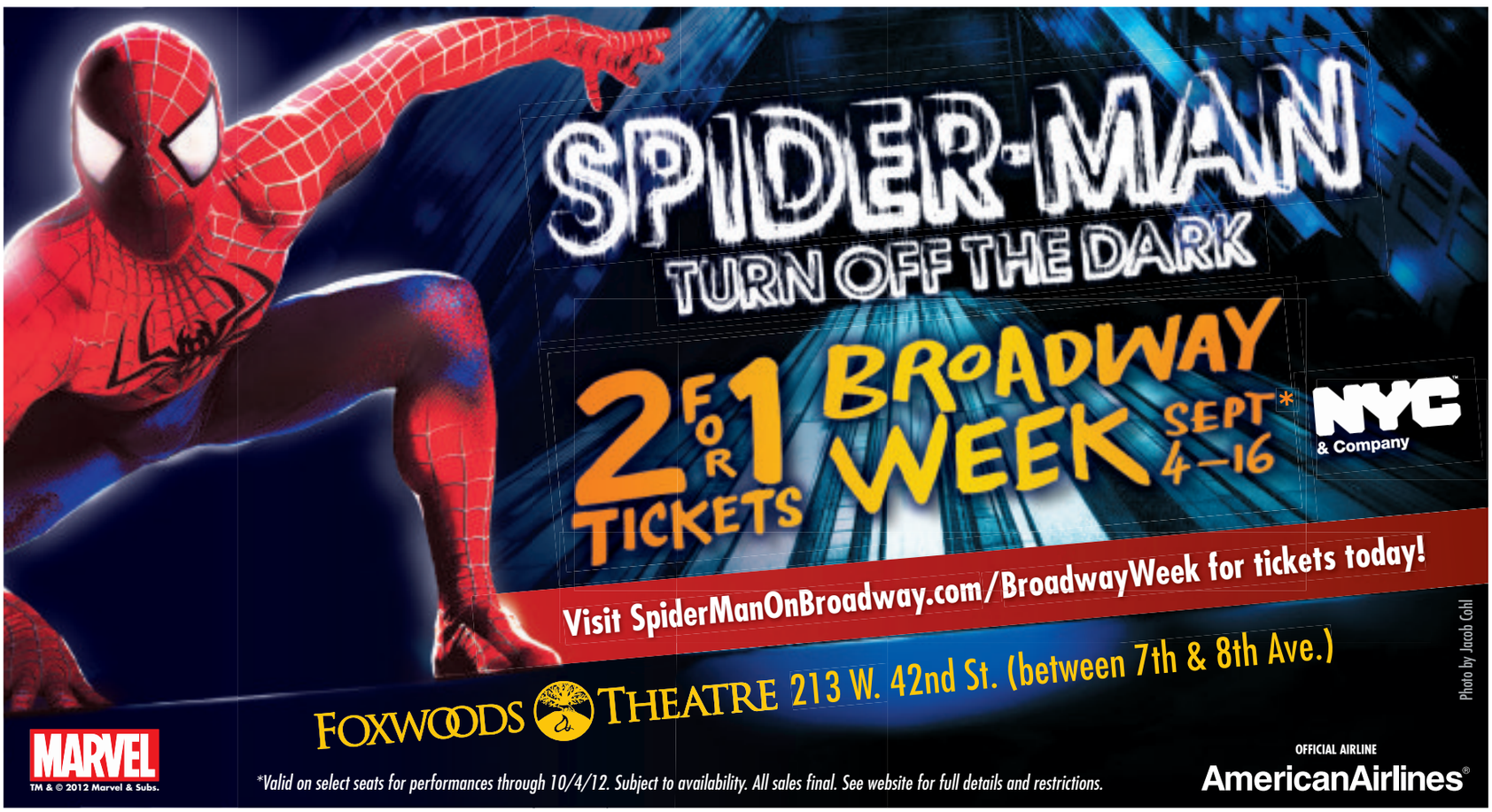
Faster processor

- The iPhone 5 comes with Apple's newest "A6" processor, which executives claimed runs twice as fast as the previous generation. It will have three microphones and an 8-megapixel camera that can take pictures in higher resolutions.
- Analysts have forecast sales of 10 million to 12 million of the new smartphones this month alone.
- Apple has sold more than 243 million iPhones since its 2007 arrival, and the device proceeded to upend the industry and helped usher in the current applications ecosystem.
- Apple also is making a lot of headway in a corporate market that has been dominated by struggling smartphone maker Research In Motion.

Google rivalry

Yesterday's event highlighted Apple's growing rivalry with Google, the maker of the Android operating system that powers about half the world's smartphones. Apple introduced its own mapping software to replace Google and also removed Google's online video service, YouTube, from the batch of applications preinstalled on the iPhone.

Yesterday's announcement is among the most highly anticipated technology events of the year. At TechCrunch's Disrupt technology conference under way in San Francisco this week, a whole panel was dedicated to digesting Apple's news. **BLOOMBERG**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Real Minority Report: How the FBI

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▶ In Hollywood blockbuster "Minority Report," starring Tom Cruise, a precrime law enforcement squad used humanoid oracles to see into the future and predict crimes before they occurred. The FBI does it using more traditional methods.

This year seven people were shot dead at Oikos University in California. Last year three people were shot dead at San Jose State University, also in California, and two at Virginia Tech in Virginia. The year before, two people were killed at Ohio State University. In 2007, a student at Virginia Tech shot and killed 32 professors and fellow students.

The list goes on and on. Andre Simons heads the FBI team tasked with ending it. Simons, a supervisory special agent, heads the Behavioral Threat Assessment Center at the agency's Behavioral Analysis Unit. "We don't track potential mass killers on college campuses," he explains. "But universities often come to us for help when a student's behavior becomes dangerous." In other words, when university professors, psychologists or police of-

"We don't track potential mass killers on college campuses, but universities often come to us for help when a student's behavior becomes dangerous."
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spots mass killers

ficers spot suspicious actions or statements by a student — or a professor or other employee — they call Simons's team. Each year BTAC, which was formally established only two years ago, receives over 100 assistance requests.

Even though university mass shootings can seem completely unpredictable, there are usually red flags. Observes Simons, whose team includes FBI agents, a U.S. Capitol Police Special Agent and a psychiatrist: "There are often concerning behaviors and indicators that can be recognized before an attack." Between 2000 and 2008, there were no less than 83 violent assaults on U.S campuses, with the shooters targeting former girlfriends, professor or random individuals.

Seung-Hui Cho, the 23-year-old mass killer at Virginia Tech, had previously been diagnosed with depression and anxiety disorders, had stalked female students and submitted writings about violence to professors.

"There are often concerning behaviors and indicators that can be recognized before an attack."
ANDRE SIMONS

Today virtually all college campuses have staff trained to spot such behavior. "If there's an urgent situation where a person of concern has taken steps towards a violent act, it demands immediate attention," explains Simons. "We're on duty 24 hours a day, and in urgent situations we triage the case immediately and help the university decide what to do. If there's a hostage situation, we support the FBI's hostage negotiators." In most cases the FBI team recommends mental health care.

The new focus on spotting potential mass murderers — rather than turning universities into fortresses — has yielded good results: In 2008, the latest year available, 55 people were killed on U.S campuses, down from 66 the year before. "If the universities didn't act on these individuals, more crimes would have been perpetrated," notes Simons. In fact, the most common crimes on university campuses in the U.S. are robberies and car thefts. Observes James Alan Fox, author of the book "Violence and Security on Campus": "Universities are open spaces. We can't turn them into fortresses, and students wouldn't want to attend a university where they're constantly reminded of potential violence." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Threatening letters, e-mails and texts

Thirteen percent of university killers make threats to their intended victims. Andre Simons's Behavioral Threat Assessment Center at the FBI headquarters in Quantico, Va., is in charge of analyzing such threats — and these days that includes not just letters, but e-mails and text messages as well. "We analyze the threat communication to see what it says about the author," explains Simons. "We look at the selection of words, but not the handwriting. When we receive new messages, we cross-check them against a database to see if there are similarities to other threat messages." The FBI team played a crucial role in the trial of Christopher Coleman, a bodyguard accused of murdering his wife and children. Death threats had been e-mailed to Coleman's wife, but the prosecution was able to prove that the writings bore strong similarities with Coleman's own writing style.
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▶ Virginia Tech after the 2007 massacre.

How to spot a mass murder

While Prof. James Alan Fox of Northeastern University affirms that there are "no good predictors of mass killers," he lists the following common traits of a mass murderer:

1. **Graduate student:** "Many are overwhelmed with graduate studies and when they fail at them, they have nothing else to lose."
2. **History of disappointment and frustration:** "A pattern of personal failure is often the perfect straw that breaks the camel's back."
3. **Social isolation:** "Many do not have many friends and prefer to be alone."
4. **Externalized blame:** "Instead of blaming themselves for life's woes, they blame their professors, partners and classmates."

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Poll: Rise in US optimism giving Obama a boost

Americans are becoming more optimistic about the direction of the country, giving a boost to President Barack Obama in the final stretch of the race for the White House, a Reuters/Ipsos poll showed on Wednesday.

The telephone poll, conducted Sept. 7-10, showed 39 percent of Americans believed the country was moving in the right direction, while a still-high 55 percent believed it was on the wrong track.

The numbers represented a sizable change from August, when 31 percent of those surveyed thought the country was going in the right direction and 64 percent on the wrong track.

It was the highest level for the "right direction" rating since April 2010.

The numbers are the latest positive sign for the Democratic incumbent, who polls show is slightly ahead of Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney in the race to the Nov. 6 election.

"It's good news for Obama, frankly, because the more people who think things are going in the right direction now, the easier it will be for him to get reelected," said Ipsos pollster Julia Clark.

"As that number begins to creep up, it's all good news for the party in power."

The poll was conducted by telephone with 1,089 adults and is considered an accurate measure within 3.1 percentage points of how the entire U.S. adult population would have responded if surveyed.

Asked whom they would vote for if the election were held today, 48 percent said they would vote for Obama and 45 percent said they would support Romney. The three percentage-point difference was in line with Reuters/Ipsos daily online tracking polls.

Recent polls have indicated that Obama left last week's Democratic National Convention with a small "bounce" after months of being a neck-and-neck race with Romney, a former Massachusetts governor. **REUTERS**

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▶ President Barack Obama is traveling to Nevada and Colorado for two days of campaign events.

"It's possible that this is the beginning of an improvement of perceptions in how things are going in the economy."
CLARK

In the news

Romney's account of Egypt embassy attack flawed

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has attacked the Obama administration for sympathizing with radical Islamists after the U.S. embassy in Cairo was breached by protesters, but his account of the events in Egypt is flawed.

At the center of his criticism is a statement by the embassy condemning a film about the Prophet Mohammad that angered Islamists who stormed the building on Tuesday and burned the U.S. flag. The American ambassador to Libya and three embassy staff were killed in an attack in Benghazi to protest the same movie.

Romney said the embassy in Cairo issued the statement denouncing the film — called "Innocence of Muslims" — after the mission in Egypt was stormed, arguing that this shows President Barack Obama is weak in the face of opposition abroad.

But the embassy statement was issued several hours before the protests in Egypt began, according to Reuters journalists in Cairo. In an apparent attempt to head off any demonstrations, the embassy posted the statement on its Facebook page on Tuesday morning local time.

Romney has made the timing of the statement the key part of his attack on Obama as they compete in a tight race for the Nov. 6 presidential election.

"The embassy in Cairo put out a statement after their grounds had been breached. Protesters were inside the grounds. They reiterated that statement after the breach. I think it is a terrible course for America to stand in apology for our values," he said in Florida on Wednesday. **REUTERS**

▶ GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney got his time line wrong.

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NO CREDIT WHERE CREDIT'S DUE

According to the postconvention electoral math, all plausible paths to victory for Mitt Romney require winning Ohio, a swing state that will increasingly become the focus of attention for the campaigns and the media as Election Day approaches.

Last weekend, Public Policy Polling asked likely Ohio voters the following question: "Who deserves more credit for the killing of Osama bin Laden — Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?" Only 38 percent of Republicans answered "President Obama." Unbelievably, 47 percent answered "not sure" and 15 percent answered "Mitt Romney!"

Perhaps if SEAL Team Six had been smuggled silently into the compound atop a team of Parkour-running dressage horses, the 62 percent of Ohio Republicans that do not believe Barack Obama deserves more credit than Mitt Romney for killing Osama bin Laden would seem slightly less ridiculous.

But faced with the less whimsical reality, it is difficult, if not downright terrifying, to imagine why someone would answer "Mitt Romney."

Quoted

But to insist that the sitting president deserves zero credit ... is indicative of the sad fact that Republican politics more closely resembles a blood feud than a set of policies.

In fact, the greater cause for concern is the 47 percent who answered "not sure." Because PPP polled likely voters, who tend to pay more attention to politics than their counterparts, it's hard to interpret "not sure" to mean "I don't know" — who doesn't know by now how Osama bin Laden was killed? Rather, for many of these Ohio republicans, "not sure" probably meant "none of the above" — as in neither Barack Obama nor Mitt Romney deserves any credit.

Perhaps these Republicans believe that the Bush administration or the military deserves the credit, and that President Obama's contribution was negligible at best. But to insist that the sitting president deserves zero credit — that he is no more responsible for Osama bin Laden's death than Mitt Romney — is indicative of the sad fact that Republican politics more closely resembles a blood feud than a set of policies competing in good faith to solve difficult problems.

For those Republicans, all solutions, by definition, can only ever be Republican; all failures, Democrat.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Giuliana and Bill Rancic welcome their new son

Well, well, well, hello there! I'm back from maternity leave, 30 pounds heavier, covered in rancid baby milk cheese and raring to give you today's dose of celebrity gossip. So what did I miss? Are **Kristen Stewart** and **Robert Pattinson** still totally in love? Does **Chris Brown** continue to be an upstanding citizen? Are **Katie Holmes** and **Tom Cruise** still Scientology's "it" couple? No? Really? Huh. Next thing you'll tell me is that the entire world over has seen **Prince Harry**'s naked, ginger tush drunkenly cavorting in a Las Vegas hotel room.

In any case, it is a pleasure to announce that today's first item is a bit of good gossip — **Giuliana** and **Bill Rancic** are showing off their new baby boy on the cover of this week's Life & Style. Named **Edward Duke** (someone's been watching "Downton Abbey"), the baby came into the world via gestational carrier in late August. Giuliana, of course, has had a doozy of a past few years — she's struggled with infertility and had a double mastectomy in 2011 after a diagnosis of breast cancer — so this little bundle is a very welcome addition indeed. "I couldn't believe that all those years of struggling and the tears actually paid off," Giuliana tells Life & Style. "Every shot, every doctor's visit — in the end, when you're holding your baby in your arms, you forget it all, and it's worth it."

Agreed. Enjoy that rancid baby milk cheese, Giuliana!

▶ And baby makes three.

GREGORY GOODE FOR LIFE & STYLE MAGAZINE

'Traveling Pants' make their way to South Carolina

"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" gals put on their magical slacks and vavoomed (or however the sound of traveling pants goes) their way to South Carolina to see one of their co-stars get hitched. **America Ferrera**, **Amber Tamblyn** and **Alexis Bledel**, **Blake Lively**'s co-stars in 2005's "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" and 2008's "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2," were all there to see Lively wed **Ryan Reynolds** in South Carolina over the weekend.

Even more details on that magical, secret wedding were revealed yesterday, including their vows. "They promised to support and love each other and to make each other laugh," a source tells People in this week's cover story. The groom "said he would treasure Blake; she said she would adore him. The whole time they were beaming."

Just so we're up to speed, as I'm sure this quickie wedding will be a continuing presence in this column: Blake is 25. Reynolds is 35. Reynolds married his first wife, **Scarlett Johansson**, when she was 23; they divorced two years later. Glad to see he's learned his lesson and is getting into more mature women.

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▶ The Sisterhood girls fly by the seat of their ... oh, nevermind.

Talking points

Twins for Paquin and Moyer

"True Blood" stars **Anna Paquin** and **Stephen Moyer** became parents twice, according to Hollyscoop. "We can confirm that Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer recently welcomed their twins into the world," their rep announces. "The babies were born a few weeks early, but are in good health, and both mom and dad are overjoyed." The twins mark the first children for Paquin, while Moyer has two children from a previous marriage.

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▶ Paquin, Moyer

Klum and Seal are in a happy place

In news that may be surprising considering their recent public squabbling, estranged couple **Heidi Klum** and **Seal** are actually in an "OK place," according to Klum. "I don't know if we're the greatest friends right now, especially because of the things that he said," Klum tells **Katie Couric** during an interview for her new talk show. "We're in an OK place." Klum adds that the constant attention hasn't made processing their breakup any easier: "It's hard, especially when you are in the public eye, too. People are always looking at you closely and at everything you do. And they also don't always see exactly how it really is," she says.

Are they or aren't they?

When **Kristen Stewart** told The Associated Press last week that she and **Robert Pattinson** would "be fine," maybe she knew more than she was letting on, as sources say the pair are secretly back together, according to Lainey Gossip. "It was communicated to people during the Toronto International Film Festival that they are [back together], but they're worried about how it might affect [Rob's] career — like whether or not there will be some kind of crazy backlash or something," the source says.

Jackson back on 'Idol'

It looks like **Randy Jackson** won't be bounced from the judges' table on "American Idol" after reports leaked that he is close to signing a deal to keep him in his old spot on the hit show, according to Deadline. Rumors had circulated that Jackson would be moved to a "mentor" position for the new season.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Neil Patrick Harris feels bad about not tweeting more, Pink is pleased with the reviews for her new album, Venus Williams is grateful, and Garry Shandling is doing all right, actually.

@ActuallyNPH
Hi Twitterland. Sorry for my lack of tweets recently. Apparently I have babies and stuff. I'll try harder. xo

@Pink
Holy Sh*t!!! MOM!!!! I got an A!!!! Thanks Entertainment Weekly!!!! My first A outside of study hall!!!!

@Venuseswilliams
Just wanted to send a big thank you to the NYC crowd at my us open this year. I've never felt such love and support, thank you!!!

@GarryShandling
My therapist just told me that I'm better than I was four years ago.

Biking with the stars

1 In 1965, **Paul McCartney** was pretty much the cutest thing on two wheels.

2 Ride this way: **Steven Tyler** went for a spin in L.A. over the spring.

3 **Bradley Cooper** took a cruise through Paris in May.

4 Even on a motorcycle, **Paris Hilton** strikes her signature lean-back, look-bored pose.

5 Plop him on a motorcycle, and **Billy Joel** looks like your dad.

6 **Bob Dylan**, on a motorcycle, outside a cafe in Woodstock: How uncool do you feel right now?

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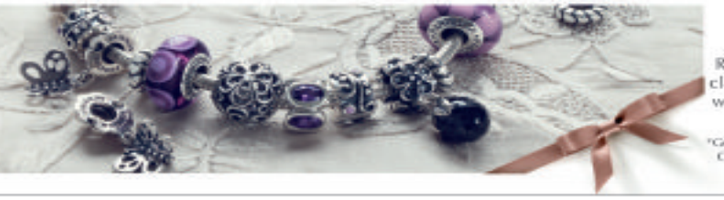

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▶ Milla Jovovich psyches up to kick some undead butt in "Resident Evil: Retribution."

1 'Resident Evil: Retribution' Milla Jovovich returns as Alice to the fifth installment of this series based on the Capcom survival horror game. This time she continues to hunt those who unleashed the virus that renders most of the population undead.

2 'Finding Nemo' 3-D: This beloved 2003 Disney film about a clownfish in search of his dad gets a 3-D update.

3 'The Words': Bradley Cooper stars as a struggling author who finally writes a best-selling book. When it becomes apparent that he'd stolen the story from another man, he must face the consequences of his ambition.

4 'The Cold Light of Day': A Wall Street man's family gets kidnapped while on vacation in Spain, and suddenly a group of intelligence agents come after him in search of a briefcase.

5 'Lawless': Tom Hardy and Shia LaBeouf star in this gritty Prohibition-era yarn about a trio of brothers who dominate their county's bootlegging business.

6 'The Possession': A young girl becomes obsessed with a box that contains a dibbuk — a spirit that devours a human host.

7 'Premium Rush': Joseph Gordon-Levitt stars as a bike messenger who finds he's carrying a package that everyone seems to want.

8 'The Apparition': "Twilight" star Ashley Greene plays a student who proves that the mind can conjure a ghost.

9 'Hit and Run': Real-life couple Dax Shepard and Kristen Bell star in this film about a reformed criminal whose bank-robbing buddies return to settle a debt.

10 'The Expendables 2': Sylvester Stallone leads an all-star cast in this romp about a group of mercenaries.

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'Glee'

COMEDY. She may not have slushies thrown in her face anymore — this is *college*, after all — but Rachel quickly realizes that navigating the New York Academy of Dramatic Arts isn't much easier than surviving high school. Standing in her way is failed Broadway star/dance teacher Cassandra (Kate Hudson, in a six-episode stint). **Season premiere, 9 p.m., Fox**

'America's Got Talent'

REALITY. The winner receives $1 million while Justin Bieber overshadows the accomplishment with a performance of his own. **Season finale, 8 p.m., NBC**

'The Real Housewives of Miami'

REALITY. If you never got into the Miami Housewives, don't worry — the cast overhaul is so dramatic it's almost a brand new show. **Season premiere, 9 p.m., Bravo** ● **AMBER RAY**

▶ Rachel (Lea Michele, right) takes a dance class from Cassandra (guest star Kate Hudson) on the season premiere of "Glee."

Life as an

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▶ Blake Harrison, right, is the clique's loveable idiot on "The Inbetweeners."

Don't look now

Harrison says he loves acting but hates watching himself on the screen.

▶ **"I hate watching what I've done.** Like, whenever I watch myself on TV or anything like that, I start picking myself apart to the point where even if the shot is of someone else and I can see the back of my head and the side of my cheek I go 'that was bad acting from me, you know, my cheek's too low in that scene there.' The amount of criticism you give yourself when watching yourself onscreen is horrible."

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'Inbetweener'

In 'The Inbetweeners,' Blake Harrison plays an awkward teenager, and in real life he almost envies him

Playing a socially awkward teenage boy in the new feature film "The Inbetweeners" was nothing new for actor Blake Harrison. This is not to suggest he's an awkward teenager in real life, but that the film began life as a British television show in 2008, with Harrison playing the part of Neil. Harrison says he had a lot of fun coming back on set to play a character he knew so well, but what he says he enjoyed the most was all the attention the film has received.

"The response to it was brilliant, especially back home in Britain, and it's reached places in Australia and Europe as well, so that's been the most exciting experience really," he says.

The dynamic between his fellow "Inbetweeners" is amusing to watch onscreen, and Harrison says they share a similar friendship offscreen.

"[Neil] doesn't care about what people think."
BLAKE HARRISON

"We enjoy each other's company, and we make sure to play some sort of joke on someone all the time," he says. "There's a lot of that. There's a lot of cracking jokes here and there; it's a very unprofessional set."

Although he says he doesn't think there is anyone in the world as dumb as Neil, Harrison says he admires his boldness.

"I think I worry too much of what people think of me," he says. "I mean, that's my favorite thing about Neil and about playing Neil: He doesn't care about what people think."

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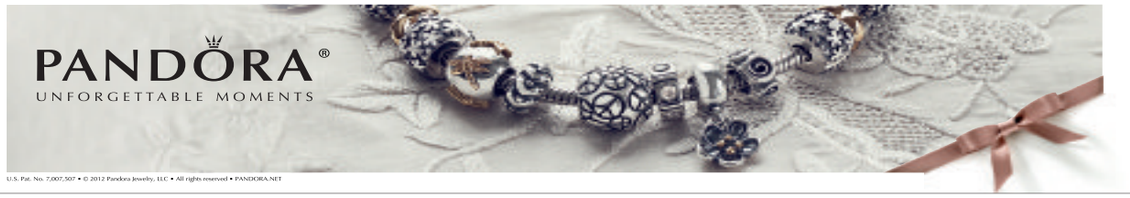

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fashion week

The reviews

1 Narciso Rodriguez: In a week full of bland uniformity, Narciso Rodriguez showed New York how it's done with the most accomplished, seductive and surprising show of the season. Rodriguez started subtly, with silk-crepe jackets and slouchy trousers that offered a relaxed, sexy alternative to the pantsuit. It only got better from there: blood orange tops spliced to the navel, flimsy slips shot with magenta and a series of jaw-dropping dresses and tees embroidered with thousands of beads and paillettes. Rodriguez juggled all of these elements with aplomb, making his couture-worthy pieces look as effortless as a pair of broken-in jeans. **TINA CHADHA**

2 Marc by Marc Jacobs: Marc Jacobs let his hair down with his secondary label. The models walking the runway, however, were another story, their locks thrown up in colorful scarves. The styling — urban babushkas, sandals worn with wooly socks and scarves galore — gave the collection a carefree, collegial vibe. His bohemian art students, not afraid to pile on prints or flirt with color, wore dresses with a hodgepodge of florals, paisleys and checkers. When pants did appear, they were rolled up at the ankles and worn with oversized boyish shirts. It was a youthful, strong outing that might just inspire you to play hooky. **TC**

3 Rodarte: Medieval princess warriors stormed the stage at Rodarte. It was a good thing, as New York Fashion Week desperately needs some fantasy. Never ones for the conventional, sisters Laura and Kate Mulleavy showed brooding, strapless mini-dresses and skirts in patchworks of Jacquard, guipure, organza and silk, some with dangling chains and Swarovski embellishments. Their fringed leather jackets, woven tops and mixing of materials exuded couture and artistry. The looks at times felt cool and romantic (silk sculptural dresses and gowns with ivy prints), but otherwise seemed a little costume-y (dresses over body-clinging tops with a print that resembled the Incredible Hulk's brawny torso). **TC**

4 Diesel Black Gold: For her last outing at Diesel Black Gold, designer Sophia Kokosalaki revisited the 1990s. Pro skateboarders performing tricks set the tone for the show, filled with low-slung pleated skirts (very "Clueless"), grungy peek-a-boo slip dresses and hip-hop-inflected, graffiti-sprayed jeans. Kokosalaki kept the clothes from looking retro by sticking with graphic black and white, keeping the silhouette slim and using on-trend fabrics like embossed leather. Especially appealing were the white motorcycle jackets and mannish, broad-shouldered blazers. **RAQUEL LANERI**

Trending: Orange

Tanya Taylor

Callula Lillibelle

Costello Tagliapietra

Trending: Barely-there makeup

Prabal Gurung

Lacoste

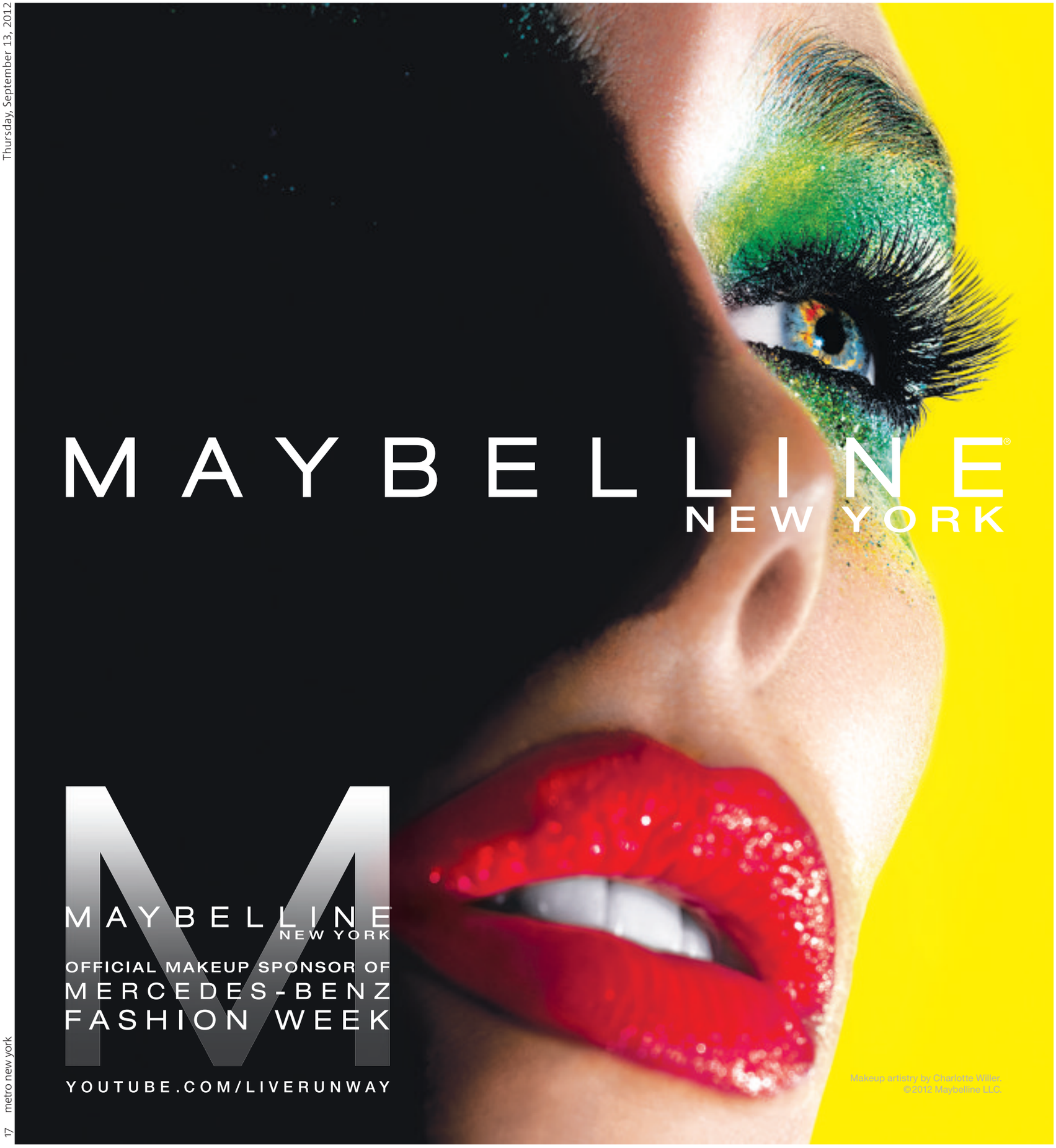
Edun

Front row: Ladies' night

Kirsten Dunst at Rodarte

Elisabeth Moss at J. Mendel

From left: Olivia Munn, Marisa Tomei, Camilla Belle and Katharine McPhee at Michael Kors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fashion week

1 J.Crew: J.Crew's playful mix-match looks, which earned it a spot at New York Fashion Week, went floral and poppy for Spring '13. Palm fronds livened up a simple blush shirtdress, a white pencil skirt with bold, bubble gum-pink blooms was paired with a contrasting yellow and orange millefleurs print shirt and a green, silk, floral knee-grazer came topped with sweet black-and-white polka dots. For those obsessed with the brand's slim-fit statement pants: Get ready for gold jacquard and citrus-y floral. TC

2 Boy by Band of Outsiders: Inspired by "The War Games" and "Battle Royale," designer Scott Sternberg started with models in military-reminiscent vests and blazers with white war paint streaked on their faces. But there was a soft calmness to the Boy by Band of Outsiders show. Billowy white maxi skirts, fringed sleeveless blouses and tye-dye prints on slouchy leather bermudas read more hippie than warrior. Sweet prints on a breezy cotton gown, a silky jade wrap skirt and drop-waist overalls sealed the deal: We're in a time of love, not war. TC

3 Nicole Miller: For the past few seasons, Nicole Miller has dabbled with digital prints for her uptown-meets-downtown aesthetic. For spring, she showed manipulated versions of a tropical floral, starry galaxy and futuristic black and white tribal on sexy mini dresses, slouchy trousers and floaty asymmetrical blouses, the latter paired with leggings. The strongest pieces, however, were her timeless leather jackets and gray skirt suit with its beautifully draped coat. TC

4 Edun: Sustainable fashion label Edun long ago proved that looking good and doing good weren't mutually exclusive. But its spring collection was downright sizzling — think Michael Bay action babe kicking butt in the Sahara. Camo-colored harness bras and rugged army jackets gave attitude to flirty chiffon minis and loosely wrapped kimono tops. Linen cargo shorts got a smattering of sequins — the opposite of granola. RL

Interview

Nicole Miller

Please sum up your spring collection in a tweet (140 characters or less).
Spring 2013 is nature meets sci-fi — it's an experiment of juxtaposed proportions and unexpected combinations.
What keeps you sane during this time of year?
The girls on my design team are some of my best friends. Potato chips and tequila help, too!
What will be your fall staple?
My metal/leather jacket from my Fall 2012 runway show! Metal fibers are interspersed in the leather, and the jacket has raw edges — I plan to wear it nearly every day this fall.
What's your soundtrack to Fashion Week this season?
I am still listening to the soundtrack from "Searching for Sugarman" — on repeat!
What's the most embarrassing item in your closet?
A Moroccan purple and gold lace tunic — there was a time and a place for everything! TC

Calgary Avansin, editor, British Vogue

Caroline Christiansson, fashion editor, French Glamour

Street style: Hot looks found off the runway

Erin Hiemstra, website writer, Apartment 34

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- ***Lucy, I cannot get enough of you and love you more with each passing year. Rags.***

Lizzy Caplan dissects the 'Bachelorette'

With her new comedy out now, this actress has plenty to say about bridesmaids behaving badly and the ultimate addition to a hen party

Though getting its theatrical release a year after the arrival of "Bridesmaids," "Bachelorette" — starring Kirsten Dunst, Lizzy Caplan and Isla Fischer — was first a stage play, written by Leslye Headland well before the release of Kristen Wiig's smash hit. But the fact that two recent movies deal with begrudgingly single women who booze their way to the altar in support of a happy friend might be saying something about the moment young ladies are having today.

Playing a character in "Bachelorette" who sleeps around, mocks the bride and brings a bottle of baby powder loaded with cocaine to the festivities, Lizzy Caplan understands what could be at the root of all the bad bridesmaid behavior, in her character's case at least.

"I think all of our [characters'] little attitudes and tricks worked really well for us as a clique in high school, and none of that seems to be helping us at all in our adult lives, and yet we keep going back to that same well hoping, 'I stand to regain that success and popularity that we enjoyed in high school,'" Caplan says. "I love my character because what I see in her is not this trash-talking, slutty facade that she presents to the world; I see more of this scared [little girl], very vulnerable and very incapable of showing real emotions or dealing with her feelings."

As with any film that shoots a bachelorette party, there is the inevitable stripper scene. We asked the veteran comedy actress to weigh in on which of the traditional hen party staples she approves.

"I don't exactly run with a crowd that a penis straw would really freak them out. [Like], 'We're being so wild tonight!' I don't think that's really gonna shock many of my friends," she says. "I am pro-stripper because I really enjoy an uncomfortable situation. And without fail, after the first initial shock of a surprise stripper, it's just uncomfortable — and I get a huge kick out of that."

"I don't exactly run with the crowd that a penis straw would really freak them out." LIZZY CAPLAN

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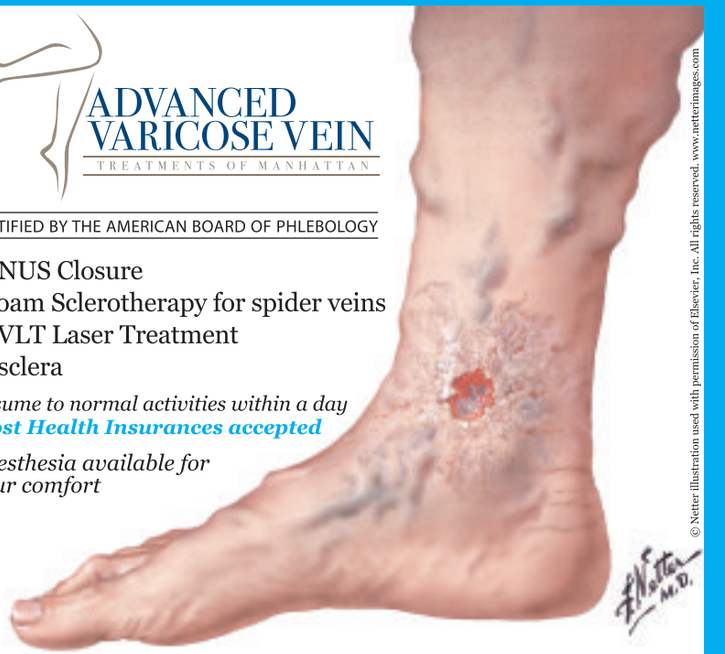

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Voters, not pols, the scariest party

RE: "THE WORD TODDLERS AND THE GOP HAVE IN COMMON" (METRO, SEPT. 10) Letter writer Rachel Garber writes that Mitt Romney "voted against a health care program that is virtually the same one he implemented as governor of Massachusetts." To clarify, Mitt Romney has never "voted" for anything.

The only elective office he has ever held was governor, so he has never been in a position to vote — only to veto. The order of the letters in those four-letter words is an important distinction. Ignorant and/or careless people who are of voting age and eligibility during the upcoming election scare me more than the prospect of a Romney administration.

KIRBY L. JOHNSON, VIA E-MAIL

The eyes of all are upon our antics

I believe that our president should be one whose interest is in citizens and country first, one who will serve with dignity. The fact that one insults the other before millions of voters shouldn't be of importance. The USA is suppose to be representative of the world. I can only imagine what others outside of the USA are saying as they are watching the candidates run in this important race.

BILLA BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

Turns out, Clinton had it easy

RE: "LOVE'S LABORS LOST TO LEFT HATE-SLINGING" (METRO, SEPT. 10) Conn Carroll says that Clinton formed bipartisan compromises with Republicans. What he forgot to mention is that neither Newt Gingrich, nor any of his fellow Republicans, stated that their goals were not to fix America's problems, but to get Clinton to fail. How can Obama compromise with people prompted to say "no" to any proposal? Republicans opposed Clinton's health reform; Obama took in account proposals they made to Clinton's reform; then they said "no"! **JEAN KAZADI, SALEM, MASS.**

Some violence isn't about politics

RE: "COLUMN RAISES KANE ON HOW BOTH SIDES TREAT FEMALE POLS" (METRO, SEPT. 11) In response to letter writer Douglass Brown's about anti-female hate speech: Your letter's constant use of the phrase "wrong-wing" gave me a headache. Just awkward and poor writing. More importantly, Jared Loughner, the man who shot Congresswomen Gabby Giffords, was not a conservative! He was schizophrenic, and hated women, but he wasn't motivated by Sarah Palin's stupid website or by any right-wing agenda. He was simply insane.

JOIA MITCHELL, PHILADELPHIA

Keep it up, everyone

RE: "WHY YOU NEED TO HAVE MORE SEX" (METRO, SEPT. 12) Kudos to Linda Clarke on her succinct but spot-on article about sexual vitality and its connection to overall health. I'm 47, recently entered into an emotionally and physically loving relationship, and I feel better than I have in years. Even if my boyfriend didn't say so, I'd know that I'm better in bed than men half my age. Keep it up!

DAVID WEBB, THE BRONX

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** It's admirable of you to be compassionate and charitable to persons who are less fortunate than you. However, be practical.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't be surprised if a couple of friends turn to you for help when it comes to a problem that they can't unravel. You'll know how to resolve issues.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** It is quite likely that you'll have a slight edge over your adversaries in a competitive development. However, your margin of error is rather thin.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It might prove to be beneficial to try to communicate with an old friend who is presently residing at a new, distant location, if you've got something he might be interested in.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** The chances of achieving an important objective are likely to be better today than they will be tomorrow. Don't put anything off if it can easily be taken care of right now.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Pay heed to your mate's suggestions if a decision regarding a matter of mutual concern has to be made sooner rather than later. The added perspective could prove to be just what the doctor ordered.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** A project that you're undertaking with another has plenty of promising potential. However, both parties must be patient, because the rewards will be slow in coming.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Don't think less of opportunities that presently offer only small rewards because with time, some of them could turn out quite well. Make sure you have an eye on long-term potential.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** The main reason that most conditions appear to be so promising is because of your ability to overcome difficulties. You're able to accomplish what you envision, and that counts for a lot.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't let a Johnny-come-lately associate try to assume control of an arrangement that you're better equipped to handle. Stand up for what you know is not only fair but also best.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Trust your innate business acumen because it's the asset that will put you in the black. You're adroit at handling both your pennies and dollars.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Others are likely to find the example you're setting to be an excellent one, mostly because they'll see you taking your responsibilities seriously.

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arts

Emerging artists take the Brooklyn stage this week

New York City's 19-year-old Youth Poet Laureate, Ishmael "Ish" Islam, keeps it real the Brooklyn way: with real talk about gentrification combined with hope for his community.

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Theater, dance and spoken word performances will fill theaters in eight venues across Brooklyn, including the Irondale Center in Fort Greene, the Waterfront Museum in Red Hook and the Coney Island Sideshow Theater (with a night of comedy, tap dancing, opera and acrobatics on Sept. 19).

The distinction of what makes an "emerging" artist isn't entirely clear — especially in a place teeming with young artists who dream of making a name for themselves. What it most likely means is this: These are artists who are hungry and eager to take the stage. They haven't quit their day jobs, they rehearse at odd hours between work shifts and won't apologize for working too hard.

CARLOS TORRES

▶ From Sept. 20-22, the Elevator Repair Service will perform an interactive performance of its piece "Shuffle" in the stacks of the Brooklyn Public Library in Prospect Heights.

"Art is my portal to reality. This is unavoidable."
COURTNEY GIANNONE

Courtney Giannone, who performs in the dance piece "Protean Acts" next Tuesday, puts it bluntly in her personal mission statement: "Art is my portal to reality. This is unavoidable."

This particular blend of moxie and ingenuity seems to be an essential piece of the BEAT festival. Ishmael "Ish" Islam is New York City's 19-year-old Youth Poet Laureate, whose playful, rhythmic spoken word is wise beyond its years. His pieces about growing up in Clinton Hill/Bedford-Stuyvesant give audiences a rhythmic journey through the prides and pitfalls of gentrification. Islam performs on Sept. 17 and 19.

As with many things about Brooklyn, performances at the BEAT festival are a bargain. No one will be turned away due to cost, and all performances will have a block of tickets reserved for a $20 suggested donation.

Festival organizers hope that the 11 days of performance create a community around Brooklyn's performers. The BEAT festival's inaugural year seems to have everything in place for that to happen — with Brooklyn pride all over it.

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Hot chef

New York is a city of immigrants who have historically made do with inexpensive cuts of meat that rarely saw the candlelight of upscale restaurants. But even if you didn't grow up with tongue, liver or kidneys on your dinner plate, you're seeing it now, with the nose-to-tail trend in dining. Still, we're willing to bet that few of our grandmothers served us tendon, aorta, large intestine or (cover Nonna's ears) testicles.

Korean-Japanese chef Takashi Inoue came to New York intent on opening a restaurant that specialized in yakiniku, a Japanese technique of grilling bite-sized cuts of meat developed out of necessity after World War II, when food was scarce and people were forced to get creative with offal (called "horomun" in Japanese). Two and a half years ago, he opened the doors of his eponymous restaurant, the first of its kind in New York.

Chef Takashi Inoue

Takashi's mostly beef menu, he tells us, blends the simplicity of Japanese cuisine with the wildness of Korean — reflecting Takashi's own mixed heritage. In fact, Inoue's grandmother served yakiniku at her own restaurant in Japan. His sweet-hot barbecue sauce is a riff on her original recipe. "This is my soul food. I grew up with this food," he tells us. "And I want people to enjoy offal cuts in a really fine way."

It took Inoue about a year to source all of his beef ingredients, which come from sustainably raised, antibiotic- and hormone-free cattle. Now thriving, Takashi is a favorite of the Bourdains. The couple dined there before it was featured in the New York episode of "The Layover" (of wife Ottavia, Takashi says, "She's hard core.")

The horomun arrives raw, either to be eaten that way or grilled yourself at the table. Note to parents: Kids love this. Each cut has a different cooking time, which your server will explain. You'll soon develop a rhythm and a sense of what each piece looks like when it's ready to eat. Strive for medium-rare: A char on the outside is good, but overcooked sweetbreads is not.

So how does it taste? Very chewy, in the case of the stomach and intestine. But the gnawing releases a rich, subtle flavor. The sweetbreads are velvety, and the heart and liver have a deep, mineral taste.

One of the most popular menu items strays from tradition. The testicargot are "cow balls" (as the menu plainly states) prepared escargot-style, cloaked in shiso garlic butter.

"I have a lot of new dishes that I created in New York, because I had so much influence from this city," Takashi says. "I keep adding, and I don't want to cut anything — the menu's getting so big!"

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News in brief

Get ready for Barclays Center

Barclays Center will open on Sept. 28.

Barclays Center, scheduled to open Sept. 28, marks the return of major sports and entertainment in Brooklyn. Located atop one of the largest transportation hubs in New York City, the arena is accessible by 11 subway lines, the Long Island Rail Road and 11 bus lines. The arena will have intimate seating configurations with unparalleled sightlines and first-class amenities. Barclays Center will host an extensive variety of events, including premier concerts, monthly major professional boxing cards, college basketball, family shows, professional hockey and the Brooklyn Nets. For a complete listing of all upcoming events, visit www.barclays center.com

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listings

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▶ Eugene Mirman's comedy fest returns to The Bell House this weekend, with special guests Sarah Silverman, Todd Barry and others.

MUSIC

The Joshua Light Show
Through Sunday
Skirball Center for the Performing Arts, NYU
566 LaGuardia Pl., $20-$68
Led by White, a multimedia artist, the JLS have been transforming concerts (Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, The Doors) into miraculous, mind-blowing synesthetic experiences since the '60s. For four nights only, the JLS are up to their old (but updated) visual antics. **MINDY BOND**

Ariel Pink's Haunted Graffiti
Friday, 6 p.m.
Webster Hall, 125 E. 11th St., $25
Inspired by R. Stevie Moore (aka the godfather of home recording), Pink started writing music at age 10. His sound has evolved into '60s-inspired freak-folk rock. He's been known to create drum sounds using his mouth and sometimes an armpit. **CHRISTINA RICHARDS**

Mt. Eerie
Saturday, 8 p.m.
285 Kent Ave., Williamsburg, $12
Around 2001, Phil Elvrum created an album as The Microphones and made everybody believe it was the second coming of Neutral Milk Hotel. Later, he started recording under Mt. Eerie, and has been producing acclaimed record after acclaimed record of beautiful and atmospheric indie drone. **JASON DIAMOND**

ART

ADC + Ghostly present Of Art and Artifice
Through Sunday
Art Directors Club, 106 W. 29th St., $20-$75
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COMEDY

Eugene Mirman Comedy Festival
Friday through Monday, The Bell House, 149 Seventh St., Gowanus, $20
Mr. Mirman invited the likes of Sarah Silverman, Todd Barry, Bobby Tisdale and a bunch of other people who have specials on Comedy Central or make guest appearances on "30 Rock." **JD**

mental_floss presents the Golden Lobes Extravaganza
Tonight, 7-10
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PERFORMING ARTS

"Einstein on the Beach"
Friday through Sunday, BAM Howard Gilman Opera House, 30 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, $40+
This opera, scored by Philip Glass and directed by Robert Wilson, made its Brooklyn debut at BAM in 1984 and now finds its way back as part of the 30th Next Wave Festival, in celebration of Glass' 75th birthday. **JD**

FESTIVAL

Freaktoberfest
Saturday, noon-5 p.m., Greenwood Park Beer Garden, South Slope, $60
Twenty-five of your favorite craft breweries pour specialty beers while famous sideshow performer Donny Vomit emcees afternoon's festivities. Burlesque dancers, local bands, sideshow freaks and DJs will help you forever remember Oktoberfest actually begins in September. **JD**

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Songza playlist

Songza glory

When the sounds of the commentators' voices really start to grate on you on Sunday afternoon because they're telling you things you'd rather not think about regarding the players on your fantasy football team, you can just turn off the sound and dig the playlist at **www.songza.com/listen/gridiron-glory-songza-1**. The Gridiron Glory playlist is the soundtrack to all of your football memories — whether it's real football or fantasy football — in glorious slow motion, with classic Hollywood and NFL film soundtracks as your guide. You'll get anthems like "The Lombardi Trophy Reprise" and "Sprint Right (The Official Theme of the NFL)," both by David Robidoux, and every other triumphant anthem that's ever given you goosebumps on a highlights reel.

Oh yeah, playing the sax in this photo is running back Calvin Thomas. He's part of the Bears shuffling crew, shuffling on down and doing it for you — and you probably won't hear him on this playlist, but hey, how else can we illustrate football music?

— Songza is a streaming platform that mines years of music history and today's music blogs for the best gems, so you don't have to. The company, which calls itself a music concierge service, offers thousands of expertly curated playlists for free on the Web, iPhone and iPad. Each week Metro and Songza bring you fun new playlists.

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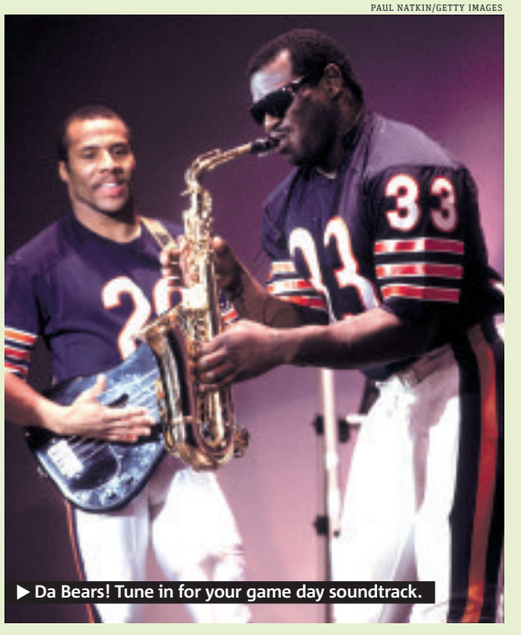

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Giants turn the 'corner'

Giants head coach Tom Coughlin is a man of many catchphrases.

One of his favorite phrases is "all hands on deck," and with the upstart Buccaneers coming to town, that may be the most important saying.

Cornerback Prince Amukamara may be the sweetest sight for sore eyes, considering the second-year corner wasn't even running until Sunday afternoon. But Amukamara participated on a limited basis yesterday and said he's getting better with each practice.

"He picked up where we left off Monday [but] he does have some issues," Coughlin said. "He's just fighting his way through them. Hopefully he'll be fine for the game. We'll find out more [throughout the week]."

Amukamara, on the other hand, said he's "very optimistic" about playing on Sunday, let alone getting through practices.

"There's always a sense of urgency in my head, just trying to get back on the field," Amukamara said. "But of course just with our cornerback situation and with guys going down, that does put pressure on me to try to get back on the field that much more. … I'm doing everything I can. If there was a magic pill I'd take it." **TONY WILLIAMS**

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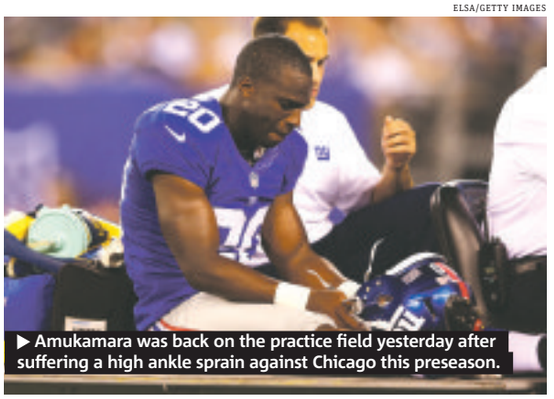

▶ Amukamara was back on the practice field yesterday after suffering a high ankle sprain against Chicago this preseason.

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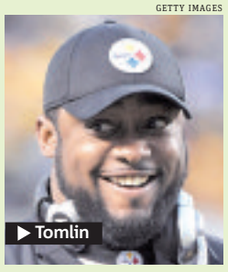

▶ Tomlin

Mike Tomlin: Wildcat prep not big deal

A familiar refrain echoes whenever the Jets' Wildcat is brought up: Even if the Jets don't use it extensively, the opponent will still have to prepare for it.

Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said as much when he was first asked yesterday about Tim Tebow. But he uttered an unfamiliar refrain when pressed on the issue.

"The Wildcat is not as obscure as it once was about three, four, five years ago," Tomlin said. "You have to be prepared for it at least once a month over the course of a football season. At least, that's kind of been our experience over the last two or three years. It's not as big of an undertaking, at least from a preparation standpoint, as it once was."

That was the first time, in an albeit small sample size, an opposing coach has downplayed preparing for the Wildcat.

"Just the process of preparing yourself to play it, is not as difficult as it once was, just because you get exposed to it more often," he said. **METRO**

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▶ Roethlisberger is at his most dangerous when he is on the run outside of the pocket.

BEING BEN

Jets using Tebow to simulate Roethlisberger during practices Veteran QB needs to be wrapped up, not hit

He may be one of the most famous athletes in the country, but Tim Tebow doesn't mind playing the role of someone else on the football field.

This week with the Jets, he's providing the defense with a pretty convincing imitation of Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

It might be an advantage for the Jets that they have a player in Tebow whose game mirrors that of Roethlisberger from a physicality standpoint.

"He's tough. He does a great job in a traditional offense, but he also does a great job staying alive," head coach Rex Ryan said. "You have to do a tremendous job on him; you can never assume Ben is down."

40 Roethlisberger was sacked the third-most times in the NFL in 2011, often due to keeping plays alive.

At 6-foot-5 and 241 pounds, Roethlisberger is known to be a handful to take down in the pocket and has feet that can keep the play alive. Tebow is currently listed by the Jets at 6-foot-3 and 236 pounds.

"It's Tim being Tim. His mobility is good, he gets out of that pocket like what we'll see in Pittsburgh. They're both very similar, very similar," defensive end Mike DeVito told Metro. "You can't just run in there and dive at them."

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Revis cleared

After suffering a concussion in Sunday's win over the Bills, cornerback Darrelle Revis appears to be fine physically even though he may not be ready to play this Sunday. He was cleared to work out yesterday, but not for contact drills.

"He's cleared to resume physical activity, but he's out for practice today," head coach Rex Ryan said. "Obviously as the week goes on, he will progress further and do more things, but obviously we will follow the NFL protocol and follow the trainers and doctors."

In the news

ND to ACC

Notre Dame dealt a damaging blow to the Big East yesterday as it announced it will move to the Atlantic Coast Conference in every sport but football.

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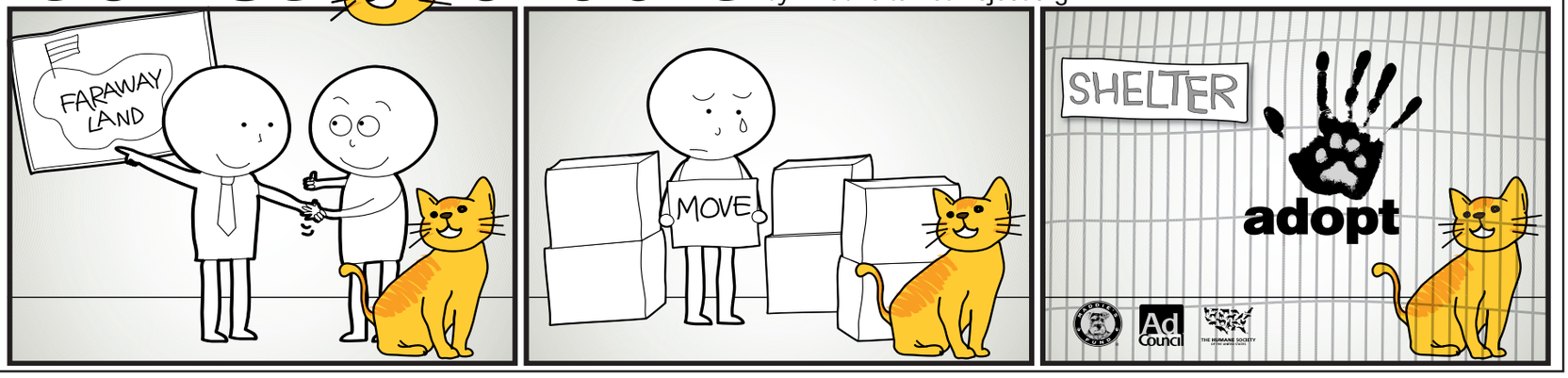

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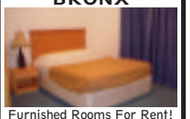
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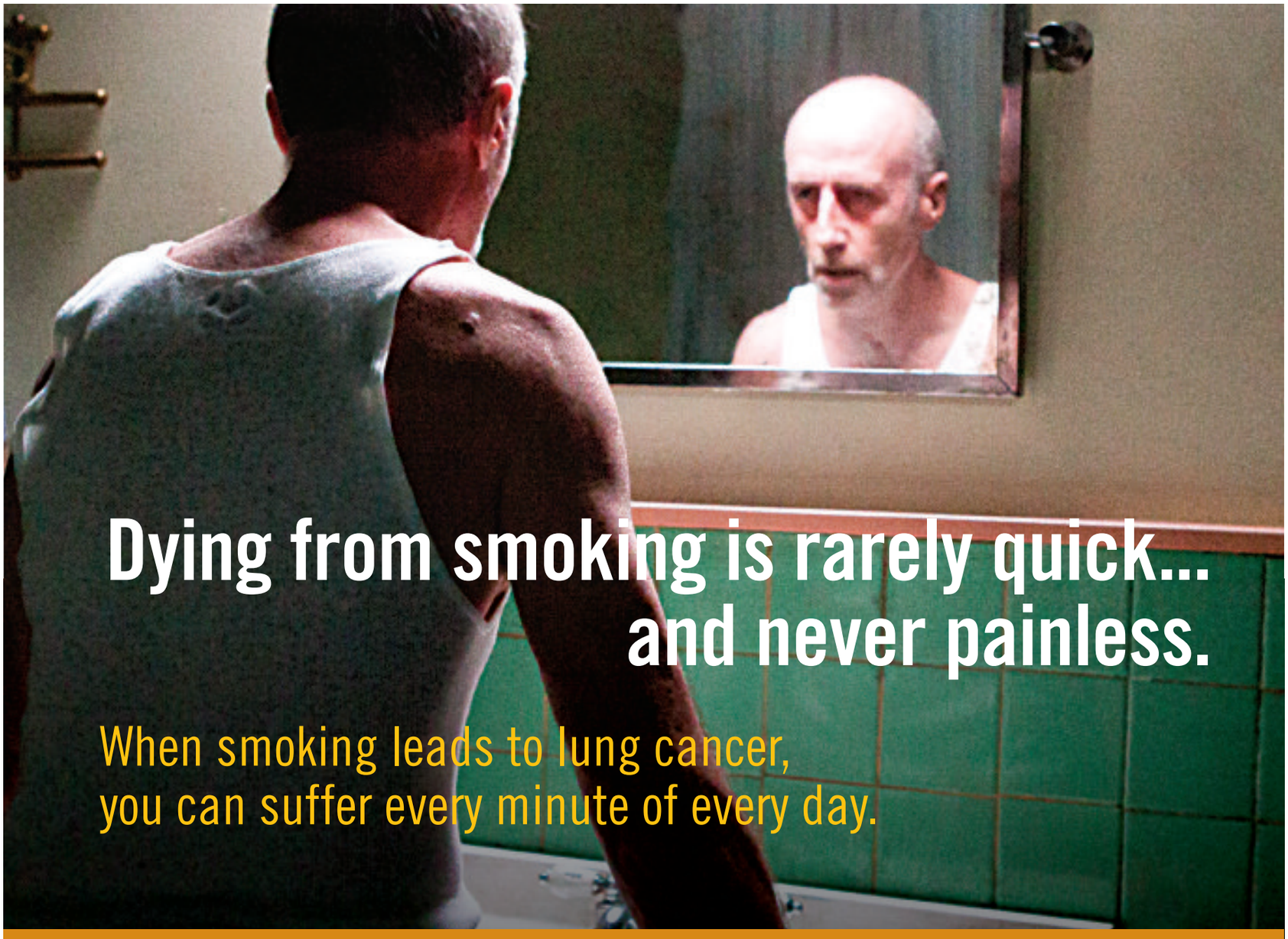

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